

## Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

April 18, 2018

### **Others Present:**

Dennis Kropp (1 hr.)

Bob Giede (10 hrs.)

Nancy Schofield (6 hrs.)

Mike Schendel (2 hrs.)

Mike Smith(1 hr.)

**Others Present:** Dick Henning, Bruce Heath, Randy Eide, John Johnson, and Sue Hitz

In the absence of the Chairman Joe Jax, Nancy Schofield chaired the meeting. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording the volunteer hours. Minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed.

**Acceptance of the Minutes**-A motion was made by Dennis Kropp and seconded by Bob Giede to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.

**Dunn County Community Foundation.** There were no statements received from the foundation. The Urban Forestry Board has had two funds with the Community Foundation of Dunn County. Urban Forestry Carving Project since 2009 and Heritage Tree Fund since 2008. In 2016, due to disuse of UFB funds and the lack of response to mailings from the Community Foundation of Dunn County, both funds were declared inactive. They were closed and rolled into an existing fund called the Open Spaces Fund for use by any organization to enhance green spaces in the City of Menomonie (with approval of the Board). The annual fees were no longer deducted.

There isn't enough money in the Community Foundation Funds to cover the cost of approximately \$2,000 for the lumberjack repairs. More discussion will continue on the following items:

- Ask for the original donor's list
- Join the "Heritage Tree Fund" with the "Carving Project".
- Have a Fund Raiser

**U.F.B. Tree Memorial**- Bob Giede provided a sample of leaves. They looked shiny and new. The location of the Memorial Tree has not been decided.

**DNR Grant ash bench in Leisure Services Center:** The bench seemed too high with the feet attached. It is in the process of being repaired.

**Recognition and Growth Award:** The city has been recognized for 28 years for the Tree City and 6 years for the Growth Award.

### **Urban Forester Report by John Johnson:**

- Arbor Day Planning Update: It will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> at River Heights School at 9:45 A.M. (new time). We will be celebrating with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The plaques are done. RB Landscape and Phillip Medsize will be receiving the awards. Marie Young will speak about birds.
- Pruning Status: The pruning was going well until the April 14<sup>th</sup> snow storm arrived. EAB has a statewide quarantine now.
- Fair Booth-Topics for the booth will include handouts on EAB, and invasive species, new benches or pictures of the benches.

### **Park Superintendent Report by Dick Henning:**

- Tree Program: Dick has four residents that have ordered a tree. Also Dick has been requested to meet with an entire neighborhood which is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Dick will train the residents on how to care for the trees.

### **City Council Report by Randy Eide:**

- The council held their committee elections and Eric Sutherland will be returning to the Urban Forestry Board.

**Items for the next meeting:** Status of the Community Foundation Funds, Fund Raiser, Update on the Tree Memorial, Review Arbor Day Celebration, and Tree Program from Dick Henning.

**Next Meeting:** May 16<sup>th</sup> at City Hall Conference Room at 2 P.M. Motion made by Dennis Kropp to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Bob Giede.

Minutes submitted by: Sue Hitz